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with interest by members of both associations was that of the Committee on national legislative information service, Mr. George S. Godard, state librarian of Connecticut, chairman. This report concerned itself with the "Official index to state legislation." After untiring efforts on the part of the committee and unsolicited generosity on the part of Mr. F. W. Allen in subsidizing the undertaking, it was found necessary to discontinue the work for 1917. It is hoped to revive it in 1918, when the expense of publication will not be so great, owing to the fact that comparatively few legislatures meet in that year. The committee was continued with an expression of appreciation for its services.

Resolutions of appreciation were extended to the American Library Association for their courtesies; to the National Association of State Libraries for their helpful collaboration; to the Louisville

Committee on Arrangements for the many pleasures bestowed during our stay; and to the speakers whose papers formed the foundation of our conference.

The following officers were chosen to serve for the year 1917-1918:

President, Edward H. Redstone, Social Law Library, Boston, Mass.

First Vice-President, Edwin H. Gholson, Cincinnati Bar Library.

Second Vice-President, Miss Susan A. Fleming, Louisville Bar Library.

Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Beal Steere, University of Michigan.

Treasurer, Mrs. Maud Barker Cobb, State Library, Atlanta, Ga.

Executive Committee: Officers of the Association, and Luther E. Hewitt, Philadelphia Bar Association; C. Will Shaffer, State Law Library, Olympia, Wash.; Franklin O. Poole, New York City Bar Association.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

FIRST SESSION

The ninth annual meeting of the Special Libraries Association was called to order at 10 o'clock on the tenth floor of the Seelbach Hotel, Louisville, by the president, Dr. C. C. Williamson, librarian of the Municipal Reference Library of New York. Mr. Lee read an address by Matthew Brush, president of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, entitled "The so-called librarian's real province." This was printed in *Special Libraries* for June. "The business library as an investment," by Paul H. Nystrom of the International Magazine Company, was an unusual contribution to the field of library economy. It was an excellent address as to the practical value of a business library figured from the view point of a business executive. The last paper of the session was by J. E. Fitzgerald, chief of the editorial division, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Washington. In his talk on "A government system of filing

commercial information," Mr. Fitzgerald described the work of his department and how the filing of the Daily Consular Reports and other publications is handled. Discussion of the morning's program followed and E. E. Judd, also of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, said a few words regarding exhibits of foreign goods which the bureau intends to send to manufacturers who are interested in foreign trade.

SECOND SESSION

The second session was devoted to the general topic "Qualities and training necessary for business librarians." Josephine A. Rathbone of the Pratt Institute School of Library Science read the first paper on "Library school courses as training for business librarians," and reviewed what library schools are doing for such training. Ralph L. Power, of the College of Business Administration of Boston University, was the next speaker, who took as his subject

"Business education for business librarians." Mr. Power emphasized especially the training in business administration, together with library courses at one and the same time. "The personal qualifications of the business librarian" was read by Mrs. Cora Hinkins Farrar, house librarian of Sears, Roebuck & Company. After the papers of the morning were delivered a discussion was opened by Ethel M. Johnson, librarian of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, Boston. Miss Johnson delivered a remarkable discussion on the subject of training for business librarianship from the several viewpoints. Her experience in a special library, coupled with previous training in a library school, has given Miss Johnson a broad outlook on the subject. One fact brought out in the program was that Boston University is to offer new courses of training for business librarianship.

THIRD SESSION

The last session of the association was devoted to the general topic, "Relation of the special business library to the public library." A paper on "Public vs. special libraries" was read by Miss A. R. Hasse, chief of the economics division, New York Public Library. The speaker made special mention of concrete instances in which her division in the library has been of distinct service to the business public. "What a public library can do for the business man," by Florence Spencer, formerly librarian, but now on the staff of the National City Bank of New York, was the next on the program. Owing to the ab-

sence of Miss Spencer her paper was read by Ada McCormick, municipal reference librarian at Cleveland. The last number, "Oneness in library work," by George W. Lee, librarian of Stone and Webster, Boston, closed the annual convention of the Special Libraries Association. The majority of papers will be printed later in "Special Libraries."

BUSINESS SESSION

The officers for the following year were elected at the business meeting as follows: President, Dr. C. C. Williamson, librarian, New York Municipal Reference Library; vice-president, John A. Lapp, director, Indiana Bureau of Legislative Information, Indianapolis; secretary-treasurer, Ralph L. Power, librarian and curator, Boston University. Executive board: Guy E. Marion, business library organizer, Woburn, Mass.; Elizabeth Dobbins, American Telephone and Telegraph Library, New York; and the president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer.

(NOTE.—The editor of the official publication, *Special Libraries*, was not appointed for the following year, but the matter came up for consideration before the Executive Board in August. Mr. Power was chosen as editor-in-chief, with associate editors as follows: H. H. B. Meyer, Library of Congress; D. N. Handy, Insurance Library Association, Boston; Maud A. Carolin, Detroit Edison Company Library; Helen Norris, Commonwealth Edison Company Library, Chicago; Ethel M. Johnson, Women's Educational and Industrial Union Library, Boston; and R. H. Johnston, Library of the Bureau of Rail way Economics, Washington.)

R. L. POWER,
Secretary